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It isn't often that a squadron is saluted as being tops in its class in the fleet. So when it happened to the "Thunderbolts" of VA-176 recently it's understandable why Cdr. Paul Ilg, skipper of the Intruder squadron, and the other members of the unit were flying high, so to speak, at the announcement by the commander of the Naval Air Force, Atlantic. The award is presented annually to the squadron achieving the highest level of operational readiness among all others operating similar aircraft.

During the 12-month period, — July 1974 - June 1975, the "Thunderbolts" flew 4,856 hours—over 900 and nearly 1,500 arrested landings occurred during a single month—while running their safety record to 13,000 accident-free hours, much of the time while operating from the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. And all this while flying the A-6A, the most venerable of all the Intruders in service.

Last month, Commander Ilg (shown at center in accompanying photo) and Lt. Cdr. Tony Lynch, operations officer, were pictured with A-6 flight test manager Chuck Darling as they prepared to fly their first A-6E back to the naval air station at Oceana, Virginia. With the newest in the line of Grumman all-weather attack aircraft now being introduced into the squadron, will VA-176 be even tougher to match for operational readiness in the Atlantic?

Tough chore...

Kenneth S. Axelson, recently named Deputy Mayor for Finance in New York City, is best known for his association with J.C. Penney as a senior vice president. But the 53-year old financial expert also has more than a passing acquaintance with Grumman, having served on the corporation's Board of Directors since 1974. Now, as deputy mayor of New York, his financial skills will be directed toward alleviating the city's fiscal worries. It promises to be a task that will pose a strong challenge to Axelson, who has compiled a distinguished career in the budget and management of fiscal affairs for large corporations.

A little late but...

Although it happend back in March, word didn't reach *PLANE NEWS* until recently that the U.S. Army inducted two "honorary" aviators into their ranks, George Skurla and Capt. Dick Wilson, Naval Plant Representative at Bethpage. Both piloted their first flights in an Army OV-1 Mohawk at the Grumman facility at Stuart, Florida, in late spring, with Lt. Col. Eugene Walsh, who heads the Army activity at Plant 77, as instructor pilot.

Still goin' strong...

Old Grumman planes keep popping up in the news. Charlie Schiano, program manager for GDS at Edwards Air Force Base in California, forwarded a copy of the *Antelope Valley Press* that contained a note about the Grumman S-2 Tracker that is now being employed to fight forest fires in the California woodlands. A number of the twin-engine, anti-submarine warfare planes have been modified to take aboard fire-retardant liquids which are then dropped in areas enveloped by fire.

At the naval air station, Lakehurst, New Jersey, another historic oldtimer, the F-11A, is going on permanent display at the gates of the naval facility. Long a workhorse for the Navy's aerobatic team, the Blue Angels, the F-11A Tiger has been refurbished and painted in the blue-and-gold colors of the Angels (thanks to the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department at the base) and now sits atop a grassy knoll at the entrance of the station, a tribute to the Navy's Blue Angels and to Grumman.

Stanford sends thanks...

Dr. Clayton Rich, Dean of the School of Medicine at Stanford University Medical Center, sent a note to President George Skurla early this month to acknowledge receipt of $2,600 raised at the annual Richie Cope "Have-a-Heart" Picnic at Calverton. The money is used to support the Cardiac Transplant Patient Care Fund which provides special assistance to heart transplant patients and their families. Said Dr. Rich: "On behalf of Stanford University Medical Center it is my pleasure to extend our thanks to all those who so generously contributed to this invaluable fund."

Get new posts...

Among those who recently received changes in assignments were: TECHNICAL OPERATIONS Robert L. Carri and Nicholas Corvelli, both project leaders in Advanced Development in the Product Engineering Department; and in the Product Support Department, William P. Bennett, assistant section head, Customer Orders and Records; Arthur Campbell, project engineer, E-2 Mechanical Engineer; and David Bauman, technical specialist, Computing Systems, who is responsible for the integration of PSD information requirements with those of other departments. CALVERTON OPERATIONS - Anthony S. Lawrence, test manager, EA-6B, Flight Acceptance Department.

One more time ...

With dusk falling earlier and summer ready to turn into autumn, time is running out for the after-hours mini-picnics that have become so popular in recent years. But that didn't stop Bethpage Manufacturing Operations from staging its first get-together a couple of weeks ago at McKay Field, and listed among the eager eaters were Board Chairman Joe Gavin and President George Skurla, and Vice Presidents Ed Dalva, Tom Rozzi. More than 450 others enjoyed a hearty picnic menu, some thirst-quenching brew, and the opportunity to make some new acquaintances and renew others.

Earlier, the folks stationed at Norfolk and Oceana naval air stations got together with their wives and kids at the end of July and spent the day at fun and games, and eating picnic fare including sausage and peppers, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, and soda. According to reports, it was the best picnic ever.

Kick-off United Way drive in company October 6

All systems are "go" for the annual United Way of Nassau-Suffolk campaign drive at Grumman Aerospace. The drive will kick-off on Monday, October 6, and roll at full power for three weeks.

Most Grummanites are no strangers to United Way of Nassau-Suffolk ... they have been giving for many years. They are well aware that United Way conducts a once-a-year fund-raising compaign to help eligible health, rehabilitation, and character-building agencies and non-profit hospital services on Long Island. In addition to the 94 United Way-affiliated agencies in 1975, 18 new agencies have been admitted to United Way membership for next year.

In recent years, one out of every four Long Islanders used the services of United Way—sometimes not knowing that they were United Way services. Many of Long Island's youngsters are helped by the services of United Way. These can include: individual and family counseling, day care, drug rehabilitation assistance, and recreation. Services are also available to offer assistance to the aged, sick, and handicapped.

Last year at the kick-off meeting, President George Skurla set 80-percent employee participation as the company goal. By the end of the United Way campaign, Grumman Aerospace had hit 80.5 percent with over 18,500 employees contributing $683,334 through the payroll deduction plan or one-time cash contributions.

"This year, we are shooting for 90-percent employee participation in Grumman Aerospace," says United Way campaign chairman Jake Bussolini, "Based upon last year's rate of individual giving, this would produce about $750,000 as the Grumman Aerospace contribution to United Way." The director of Administrative Operations also added that "achieving this goal would make us number one on Long Island among the big companies ... and number two in the aerospace industry."

Attached to your paycheck on October 2 will be a message from Skurla that asks everyone to "achieve our goals by encouraging your friends and fellow workers to join the team to push us over the top. Let's keep Grumman out in

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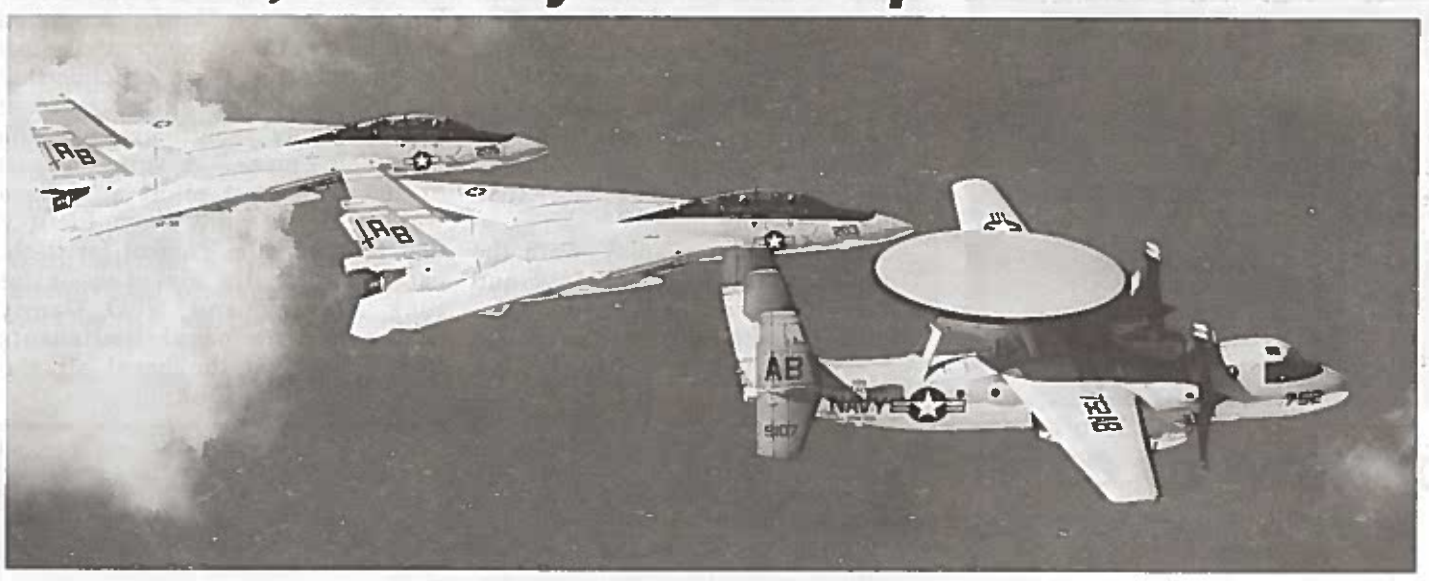
How does your area stack up?

Responsible area	Present % of contribution	Representative* & Ext.
Corporate Staff	60%	Dot Lavine — 3122
Treasurer	83%	John Dahl — 1817
Great River Ops.	64%	Harry Ramberg — 7196
Security/Personnel	49%	Dick Schantz — 7453
Prog. Mgmt. — A/C	66%	Dean Cassell — 2651
Prog. Mgmt. — Space	53%	Lynn Radcliffe — 9991
Advanced Systems	60%	Vin Padovano — 9062
Technical Ops.	62%	Bruce Hausser — 9492 Fran Lyons — 9277
Resources	49%	Dick Stinson — 3354
Product Ops.	75%	Lew Simpson — 2887
Calverton Ops.	71%	Ted Hammen — 6542
Ops. Quality	80%	John Harriman - 2370
Customer Rqmts.	53%	Art Sholinsky — 2183
Materials Mgmt.	58%	Pete Jurich — 1855

*Assigned by their respective responsibility director as United Way representatives to establish a network organization which will aid each center in achieving company campaign goals for 1975.

Tomcat, Hawkeye team up in Med



The latest in a series of NATO exercises code-named "National Week" took place in the Mediterranean last month. The exercise might better have been called "National Tomcat/Hawkeye Week" because of the unexcelled performances of Grumman's E-2C and F-14 aircraft. The two aircraft, deployed together for the first time aboard the USS John F. Kennedy, virtually stole the show, according to Navy reports.

Flying some 40 sorties, E-2C's from VAW-125 were able to detect, track and arrange intercepts against all opposing airborne forces. The F-14's under the E-2Cs' direction accomplished "kills" on every "enemy" flown against the fleet.

The National Week exercises were only a confirmation of the outstanding performance of the E-2C and F-14 that has marked the Kennedy cruise so far. As of the end of August, E-2C's on the Kennedy have flown 143 sorties for a total of 447 hours, flying 68 out of 73 scheduled sorties in August alone. Furthermore, VAW-125 is flying about 50 percent more flight hours than were flown during the E-2C's first deployment last winter. And two Soviet Bear aircraft got their own introduction to the E-2C when they were detected some hundreds of miles from the fleet and intercepted shortly afterwards.

The Hawkeye's pre-deployment performance had been equally impressive. Following the pre-deployment exercise, "Agate Punch", Rear Adm. Ron Hays (then Commander, Carrier Air Group 4) congratulated the squadron remarking: "Your outstanding performance during Exercise Agate Punch was a major contribution to fleet readiness. You met every challenging mission with a 'can do' spirit and succeeded in providing 90 percent continuous AEW coverage during 170 hours of continuous flight operations, Well done."

Get $5 million award for F-14

Grumman has been awarded a $5.3 million contract for continued weapons system support of the F-14 at the Pacific Missile Test Center, Pt. Mugu, California. The Navy contract provides for ground and flight testing of F-14 tactical software for both the Navy and the Iranian Security Assistance Programs, and is the latest in a series of similar Navy-funded programs that started back in July 1973.

The SITS (System Integration Test Station) and F-14 No. 11 will be utilized for controlled verification and performance testing of all changes in the F-14 weapons systems tactical software, including software problems occurring in service.

According to Art Karle, the F-14 Follow-On program manager, "This award reflects the Navy's recognition of our capability and continued high level of performance and our excellent weapons systems team here."

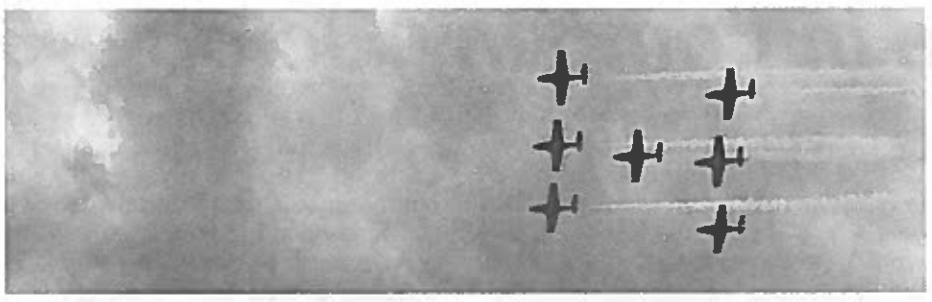
Scholar deadline

The application deadline for the 1976 Grumman Scholarship Competition is November 1. Sons or daughters of Grumman employees who are interested in a career in enginering or related fields and who will graduate from high school in June 1976 are eligible to compete for the four-year grants.

Application forms and brochures on the Grumman Scholarship program are now available at all Long Island high school guidance offices. Each year, 10 scholarships are offered to young scholars in the Long Island community—three of which are designated for Grumman dependents. As in past years, Grumman dependents will also be in the open competion for the remaining seven scholarships.

If you are a Grumman employee living outside of the Lond Island area and your child wishes to enter, contact the Scholarship Program office, Plant 35, Dept. 596, 516-575-2682.

Tomcat on display at Ottawa air show



Air Expo. Navy air crew, Lt. Denny Gladman and Lt. Rick Bradley, prepare for flight (L) at Ottawa International Air Show. Exposition contained static displays, aerobatics, and reminder of 'barnstorming' era.

OTTAWA, CANADA—The promise of seeing the two hottest fighter planes in the world—the Grumman F-14 Tomcat and McDonnell Douglas F-15 Eagle—in aerial demonstrations helped attract nearly 200,000 persons to Air Expo '75, held at the Canadian Forces Based here on September 13-14. And the crowd wasn't disappointed. On both Saturday and Sunday, the onlookers were treated to an impressive display of low-altitude maneuvers that left no doubt that they were witnessing two of the finest—many say the finest—military aircraft in the world today.

And though the large assemblage did come to see the swing-wing F-14 Tomcat and the swept-wing F-15 Eagle, there was much more for them to enjoy at this first Ottawa International Air Show. The air base provided a showplace broad enough to house static aircraft and corporate displays, military fly-bys, team aerobatics ... and some hair-raising reminders of barnstorming days.

Commercial and military planes from this and other eras provided a review of the Royal Canadian Air Force's (now Canadian Forces) more than 55-year involvement in air progress. Vintage aircraft—a Fleet trainer biplane and a Ford Tri-Motor—added a note of nostalgia, and when the Ford entry took off early in the afternoon, circled high over the crowd while discharging a parachutist, and then returned to base, it proved that it was more than a mere curiosity piece.

Also on static display were the Grumman/Navy E-2C Hawkeye and a CS2F Tracker, a Grumman designed aircraft built in Canada by deHavilland Aircraft of Canada Limited.

Naturally enough, the Canadian participants drew the longest applause. Two of the most electrifying exhibitions were provided by the Canadian Reds, two civilian stunt pilots, and the Canadian Forces Air Demonstration Team, "The Snowbirds." While flying their Pitts Specials, the Canadian Reds drew more than a few gasps from the crowd—experienced military pilots among them— as they displayed aerobatic skills that have brought them international fame.

The other international showstoppers on the bill, "The Snowbirds," are comprised of nine Canadian Forces pilots, two who fly solo and seven who fly in formation. They delighted the spectators with their precision formation flying that included an assortment of loops and rolls, heart-stopping head-on crosses and twinkle rolls, all performed in red, white, and blue Tutor jet trainers.

Much of the attention at the international exhibit was directed toward the F-14 Tomcat and F-15 Eagle because both planes are being considered in the competition to select a new fighter for the Canadian Forces. As described by President George Skurla, Grumman is involved in a "concerned effort to convince Canadian officials that the F-14A is best suited to meet the operating requirements of the Canadian Forces." A very key part of the Grumman effort at Ottawa was a ground crew from Plant 7 that prepared the Tomcat for flight each day for its air crew—pilot Rick Bradley and NFO Denny Gladman, both naval lieutenants from VF-124 at the naval air station, Miramar, California.

Here're 7 tips on how to enter suggestions

Through the Employee Suggestion system, every Grummanite has the "power" to improve company operations, assure the health of the company, and improve job security, says John Conover, director of Motivational Programs.

This month, 50 persons were awarded $8,375 in U.S. Savings Bonds (face value) for simply suggesting a better, less costly way to perform their jobs. Thanks to their suggestions, the company will save approximately $497,660.

If you wish to join this industrious group and the 497 other Grumman men and women who have been rewarded for their suggestions this year, start thinking ... and acting.

Here are a few helpful hints supplied by the Motivational Program's office on what to look for on your job:

- Difficulties—Which parts of the job seem most difficult ... and what new methods, procedures, or tools would make them easier?
- Time—What seems to take the longest time ... and how can the present way of doing things be changed or combined to save time?
- Complications—What is the most complicated thing you do now ... and how would you go about making it simpler?
- Costs—Which tools, materials, or equipment are most expensive ... and what could you substitute to produce the same results at a lower cost?
- Improvements—What is it about the work you perform that could be improved ... and how would it make the product or service better?
- Waste—What seems to you to cause a waste of materials, space, or money ... and how would you go about reducing or eliminating these causes?
- Safety—Which procedures, equipment, or facilities that you see around you seem to be unsafe ... and is there a practical way to make them safer?

Employee suggestion forms (G799) are available at all Employee Service Offices, on many bulletin boards throughout the company, and at the Motivational Programs Office in Plant 5 (Ext. 87311).

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On tour. Grummanites Dick Stinson (L), Harry Ramberg and Joan Kramer (R) visited Skills Unlimited, Inc. in Huntington Station as part of the 'fact finding' Grumman United Way team.

Begin three week campaign for United Way October 6

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front." You will also receive a "We Gave" sticker to display in the front window of your home, a brochure which lists the more than 100 agencies assisted by the United Way of Nassau-Suffolk, and a payroll deduction card.

During the next three weeks you will be seeing and hearing a great deal about the United Way via company publications and bulletins, billboards on the roadside, and on national television networks. And there will be a special Grumman audio-visual presentation of the report by the six-person committee that visited various agencies on the Island to find out how contributions are allocated and used. All employees will be given an opportunity to view this in-house presentation during the three-week campaign.

"We realize that in these times of economic recession, it is extremely difficult to consider giving," says Bussolini. "However, the support provided by United Way through our contributions must be continued. Be a 'Generous Giver.' Reach into your hearts and pockets and GIVE—Support the United Way of Nassau-Suffolk."

Master fellows. The sixth graduating class of the Grumman Master Fellowship program recently gathered in Vice President Larry Mead's office to receive their certificates and his congratulations. The '75 engineering graduates are (L to R) Dean Spocht, Vinne Podden, Mead, Steve Mokowski and Joe Mattal. (Photo by Marie Trimborn)

Three prize drawings on tap; offering 'shopping sprees'

The 1975 United Way drive at Grumman Aerospace will feature an entirely new concept in prize drawings. Instead of the traditional end-of-the-drive drawing, there will be a total of three prize drawings—one at the conclusion of each campaign week. And as a special attraction, each person whose name is drawn from the drum will be given the opportunity of picking one of three "Sign-of-the-Times" prizes or one of the traditional prizes. Depending on the week that the prize is being offered, these three "shopping sprees" will vary in value from $350 to $700 to $1,200.

At each drawing, the following choices of "Sign-of-the-Times" prizes are up for grabs: a department store buying spree, a shopping spree at a supermarket, and the opportunity to say "fill'er up" at the gas station without wincing.

To qualify for the first week's drawing, you must be presently contributing to the United Way or sign up during the campaign's first week (October 6-10). Signing up early not only places your name in the barrel for the first week's drawing but for the remaining two campaign drawings. Ten winners will be drawn from the barrel the first week; they will be given the choice of anyone of the following items (valued at $350):

- Supermarket shopping spree
- Department store shopping spree
- Auto/gas service
- Sylvania 19-in. portable color TV
- GE 18-lb. automatic washing machine
- Waste King undercounter dishwasher
- Caloric 30-in. continuous clean gas range
- Sony 12-in. portable color TV
- GE 20-in. electric range
- Whirlpool 12-cu.-ft. refrigerator
- Meriton stereo system with 8-track and turntable
- GE solid state 13-in. color TV
- GE 15-cu.-ft. upright freezer

All the people who qualified for the first drawing, *including winners*, and those who sign up during the week of October 13-17, are eligible to become one of the five winners in drawing number two. Each of the five winners can choose one of the following prizes that are valued at $700 each:

- Supermarket shopping spree
- Department store shopping spree
- Auto/gas service
- RCA 25-in. color console TV
- GE 21-cu.-ft. refrigerator/top freezer with ice on door
- Pioneer stereo system with Pioneer speakers and turntable
- Sylvania 25-in. color console TV
- GE self-cleaning 30-in. range
- Caloric 30-in. self-cleaning gas range

Everyone who was eligible for the second campaign drawing (including winners) is also eligible for the third and final drawing, as are all those people who sign up during the week of October 20-24. Three lucky contributors will be winners. The last week's prizes are valued at $1,200. Each of the three winners has their pick of the following:

- Department store shopping spree
- Five days and six nights in Bermuda for two plus $500 in Travelers checks
- Auto/gas service
- Magnavox color combination, 25-in. TV with stereo system
- GE refrigerator, 24-cu.-ft., side-by-side, with ice and water on door

Anyone who is presently contributing or signs up for the United Way campaign during the first week of the company drive participates in all three drawings and can possibly win as much as $2,250 in prizes. Those who sign up during the second campaign week are eligible to win $1,900 in prizes, and in the final week, $1,200 in prizes.

As an extra gesture of thanks to "Generous Giving" contributors to the United Way, those donors who win a prize or prizes will be awarded an extra $250-value prize.

All winners will be announced over the PA system after each drawing. Be an early bird, and get your payroll deduction card in during the first campaign week.

obituaries

EDWARD BIEDRZYCKI of Sub-Assembly Major, Plant 1, died September 2 at the age of 55. He had been with the company since 1951 and lived at 219 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick.

BERNARD MOLESKY of Chem. Mill, Plant 3, died September 3 at the age of 51. He had been with the company since 1951 and lived at 111 Ivy Street, Oyster Bay.

LAWRENCE R. REMSEN of Production—Management & Staff, Plant 6, died September 4 at the age of 60. He had been with the company since 1946 and lived at Ryerson Avenue, Manorville.

ADOLPH W. BOHLING of Sub-Assembly, Plant 36, died September 8 at the age of 56. He had been with the company since 1965 and lived at 935 N. Greene Avenue, Lindenhurst.

THOMAS R. DUGGAN of Conventional Machines, Plant 3, died September 12 at the age of 59. He had been with the company since 1962 and lived at 2806 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn.

Personal

My wife Jeanne and I thank our friends here at Grumman who were so kind to us in the loss of our daughter Virginia. We're particularly grateful to those who set up the memorial at St. William The Abbott Church in Seaford. Tracy Miller.

R.C. Moszkow

A. Siani

J. Schoendorf

J. Verbsky

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J. Marzano

M. Miller

M.J. Phillips

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Felix G. Alfano, Sub-Assy. (1)
Joseph H. Harrison Jr., PPO — F-14 (1)
John F. Dickinson, Prod. Mgmt/Stf. (2)
Lee Rohon, Conv. Mach. (3)
Ernest J. Arena, Mech/Environ. Test Stf. (5)
Edward D. Westervelt, Receiving Insp-Gen. (24)
Robert S. Wertheim, Rec-Insp-Plng/Methods (24)
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John E. Kielbasa, Small Parts Fab. (3)
Rodney W. Reeve, Honeycomb Prefit (3)
Ralph W. Thompson, Project Engg. (7)
Henry E. Dummeyer, Hydraulics (14)
John J. Martyn, P/S Mech. Engg/Des. (25)
Bernardino Pennino, Major Assy. (27)
Albert P. Koval, Upholstery (36)

Sorry 'bout that . . .

The old saw—everything happens in three's—is definitely the case in the August anniversary listings of *Plane News*.

Jack Buxton, President of Grumman Houston, was not cited in the August listing of "Service Milestones" when he marked his 35th year with the company. Fellow Houstonaut Edward T. Voit was also omitted from the previous listing . . . he's been a Grummanite for 20 years. The third mishap was the misspelling of Randolph Bynoe's name (not Bynde, as previously printed). Sorry 'bout that.

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John Verbsky, Repair Control (2)
John H. Wikane, Insp-Mech. (2)
Floyd J. Miller, Insp-Mech. (2)
Joseph Marzano, Insp-Tooling (2)
John Schoendorf, Methods, Engg. (3)
Edgar R. Gaubert, Flt. Ops/Gulf O&R (4)
Marie Miller, Mail Serv. (5)
Mary J. Phillips, Food Serv. (5)

J.P. Archey Jr.

J.J. Cottrell

F. Krepela

A. Chebuske

J.A. Maresca

J.E. Halpin

H. Brown

Jesse P. Archey Jr., Adv. A/C Sys. (5)
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Frank Krepela, Maint. Controller (7)
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Perry Ungerland, Crit. Mat. Cntrl. (30)
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Augustus J. Lopez, Fuselage Joining (1)
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Lillian M. Bozek, Repro. Serv. (1)
William E. Misak, Cntrls. & Mechanisms (1)
Harry L. Hicks, Hydraulics (2)
Michael W. Flore, Stress Relieve & Hot Form (2)

Norman C. Jockel, Tool Control (2)
Frank C. Talleur, Dispatching (2)
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Harold J. Weisbruch, Insp-Mech. (4)
Edward Nikodem, Wood Shop (5)

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Donald Archer, Estim/Pricing (5)
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Nicholas H. Savene, P/S Site Supply Mgmt. (6)
William H. Junge, Maint-Rearrangement (6)
Ralph W. Preece, Elect. Bench Assy. (6)
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Lawrence F. Damiani, Production Mgmt. (7)

Warren M. Dodson, Flt. Acceptance (7)
Val J. Burt, Repair Control (17)
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Ann T. Genovese, Legal (5)
Robert J. Myers, Corp Plan Cntrl & Budget (5)
John A. Morrow, Flt. Avionics (7)
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Seymour Dawer, P/S Digital Engg (15)
Charles J. Beisel, Sys. Integ. & Inter. Con. (15)
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Golf varsity reclaims crown; Prager cards two holes-in-one

Last year marked the first time in 10 years that the Grumman varsity golf squad didn't end the season in first place. Plagued by injuries, the squad finished 4-4-1. But this season the Grumman golfers find themselves once again with the L.I. Industrial Golf league title. By finishing the season with a record of 8-1-1, the Grummanites showed the opposition that they're ready to begin building another dynasty.

Members of the '75 L.I. Industrial golf championship team are Mike Shulha, Jim Alverson, Tony Cisco, Steve Gray, Bob Chalus, Gene Goltz, Ken Prager, and Jim Minsky.

Ken Prager

Trusty ole wedge

Many golfers will never have the exhilarating experience of seeing a tee shot disappear into the cup—no matter how many years they've toured the fairways. But you can ask Ken Prager how it feels; he recently sunk two holes-in-one within a three-week span.

The varsity member's first was accomplished at Huntington Golf 'n Tee on the 100-yard third hole. Attesting that Ken took only one swing with his pitching wedge were Gene Lowe, John Witte, and George Burmester. Three weeks to the day at the same course, John Breimann, Artie Grey, and Peg Penny saw Ken swing his trusty ole wedge at the second tee—with the same result. The ball flew 110-yards and bounced into the cup.

A former Grumman scholar, Ken has been sweeping up as many golf honors as he can this year. Besides assisting the varsity regain the L.I. title, Ken and his wife Linda have finished in the top three slots in this seasons' three Mixed Pinehurst. (Linda is an avid golfer in the Women's Thursday League). Ken has also won first place in the Grumman Flying Lynx League's stroke-play tourney.

Army tix

Tickets are still available in the GAA office, Plant 30, for the gridiron contest between the U.S. Military Academy and the University of Pittsburgh on October 18.

West Point football tickets are being sold for $7 each. Round-trip bus tickets are also available for an additional $4.50.

End of rainbow: potful of winners

While over 1,500 Grumman bowlers were christening the 1975-'76 season, keglers of the only Grumman summer league were toasting the winners of the Summer Rainbow Mixed season. And what a season it was.

On the last night of play, there were three teams vying for first-place honors—and there was only a one-point spread. But when the final-round scores were tallied, the team of Lil Davis, Fran Benjamin, Earl Benjamin, and Bob Walker were alone in the top spot. Finishing two-points behind was the foursome of Bertha Sonnenberg, Helen Murtha, Tom Murtha, and Nick Bilogan.

Several of the bowlers walked home with a trophy in each arm. By averaging 168, Davis took high-average honors for women while teammate Walker, with an average of 177, won in the men's division. Jo Jo Schnepf was cited for her high game of 215; and, by rolling a 235, Bilogan picked up his second trophy. High women's series went to Jerri Odoms who rolled a 533 three-game series; and Tom Murtha, by scoring 603, was presented the high men's series award. Most Improved Bowler plaques went to Art Garmendia and Lillie Smith.

Wanted: keglers

There are still a few more openings for keglers in the GAA bowling leagues. Contact Herb Mahoney in the GAA office on Ext. 2133 or 2269.

Oldtimers retire opposition; Shadows shine on diamonds

The Oldtimers softball team is going down in the record books as the first team to win a Great River championship. In the playoffs of the new league, the Oldtimers defeated the Mechanics twice to win the first round, and then the Oldtimers dropped the Duds in three straight to clinch the title.

The champs, who finished regular season play with a 13-1 record, gave up only six runs and 15 hits while scoring 50 runs and connecting for 90 hits in the playoffs. Winning pitcher in all five games was Bob Albert.

Meanwhile, on the Wednesday After-hours softball diamonds, the Shadows were setting an example for the Oldtimers. By ending the regular season play in first-place with a 9-1 record, the Shadows drew 'byes' until the final round of the playoffs. They met Jets for the league title and quickly racked up victory number one in the best-of-three series, 12-4, breaking open the game in the third inning. With the score 3-2, two men down, and bases loaded, Al Wallace and Mike Gabriel singled and Paul Bavitz homered to bring home six runs.

The Jets didn't fare much better in the second outing. With Jets runners on first and second, Al Grillo hit a one-hopper to Gabriel at third. The third baseman tagged the bag and fired it to second for the double play. The Jets started a rally in the sixth, but second baseman Jim Schwab robbed Cleveland Jones of a hit and completed the double play by firing to first base. The 12-3 victory gave the Shadows their fourth consecutive championship—and their sixth in the past seven years.

The Nite Owl lunchtime league action takes place under the lights at Plant 2 at 9 p.m. When the cold Canadian air moved over Long Island, the winds that were once welcome on a hot summer night made playing a little uncomfortable ... and unbearable for the losers. In the last game of the regular season, there was a tie for first place honors between the Plant 4 Flyers II and the Plant 1 Wings. Both had an 8-1 record.

In the 28-9 Flyers' victory, Jack Nuccio and Walt Wendelstein knocked in five and four runs respectively while connecting for three homers apiece. In the first inning, shortstop Wendelstein picked up a ball knocked down by third baseman Rich Popielaski and threw the hitter out, retiring the side. Another big defensive play for the powerhouse Plant 4 squad was in the third inning. with a man on second and two outs, first baseman Bill Gilbertson made a jumping catch of a line-drive to once again kill a Wings' rally.

In other play, the Calverton All Stars crushed the Wyandanch All Stars, 26-7, in a warm-up game before the start of the first annual Grumman all-star softball league tourney. Round-robin play is presently underway to decide the championship, with teams from Great River, Bethpage, Wyandanch, and Calverton in the competition.

calendar

American Society of Mechanical Engineers: Wed., Oct. 1, cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., speaker 8 p.m., Holiday Manor, Hicksville Rd., Bethpage; guest speaker: Thomas Burke, project manager, LILCO Shoreham Nuclear Power Station—"Construction Aspects of Nuclear Power Plants"; guests welcome. Larry Hahn, Ext. 1916.

Chess Club: Every Tues., 5 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe; guests welcome. Pat Charovkine, Ext. 7915.

Coin Club (Calverton): Every Fri., 1st lunch period, instrumentation conference room, Pl. 6; visitors welcome. Jerry Kreussling, Ext. 57-6844.

Duplicate Bridge Club: Every Thurs., 6 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe; partnerships arranged; guests welcome. Phil Hodge, Ext. 1195.

Fencing Club: Every Mon., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe. George Kegney, Ext. 86048.

GAC Divers: Wed., Oct. 1, 5 p.m., Pl. 28 auditorium; general membership mtg.; guests welcome. Steve Failer, Ext. 86338.

GACE Flying Club: 2nd Fri. of ea. mo., 5 p.m., Pl. 28; FAA film, business mtg.; speakers — "Hangar Flying."

Grumman Cycle Touring Club: Sun., Sept. 28, 9 a.m., Pt. Jeff Ferry; The Bridgeport Conn. Phantom Ride; guests welcome. Dave Hartman, Ext. 86212/1586.

Ski Club: Wed., Oct. 8, 8:30 p.m., Plaza Restaurant, Cnr. Newbridge & Old Cntry Rd., guests welcome. Betty Stinson, Ext. 2377. Info on fall foliage wkend, Art Garmendia, Ext. 9781.

Society of Logistics Engineers: Tues., Sept. 30, 5:45-9:00 p.m., Holiday Manor, Bethpage; District 10, Chapter 1; business mtg.; guest speaker: Rear Admiral Philip Crosby, Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy; guests welcome. John Diglio, Ext. 1541/Vahe Jordan, Ext. 1936.

Stamp Club: First 3 Wed. of ea. mo., 5 p.m., Pl. 30 cafe. Steve Hoops, Ext. 87451.

You're invited...

If you are interested in joining the Grumman Rod and Gun Club this fall, contact the president Ron Trenkner on Ext. 2064 or the membership secretary, Gene File, on Ext. 2983. Here is just a sampling of the club's weekly pistol activities:

Monday: 8 to 10 p.m. at the Naval Reserve Training Center, Huntington. Tuesday: 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colonial Firearms, Levittown. Thursday: 6 to 10 p.m. at the Old Bethpage Club Range, West Babylon. Friday: 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Marine Headquarters Range, Garden City. Practice and matches are open to all Grummanites.

Offering martial arts...

The Grumman Martial Arts Club offers exercises in two forms of self-defense: aikido on Monday and Wednesday; and shotokan karate on Tuesday and Thursday. All sessions are held in the Plant 35 cafeteria from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information call Hy Dreksler, Ext. 86812 or Vic Resmini, Ext. 87470.

Car poolers can win 2 ways

Most people know that car pooling makes sense—both economically and in easier commuting, but Plane News is now offering another incentive to share-a-ride commuters: the 1975 Grumman Car Pool Sweepstakes.

The contest will be judged by an impartial panel of experts (namely the Plane News staff) in each of five categories. Decision of the judges is final.

Winning car-poolers (in categories where there are winners) will be written up in an upcoming issue and will also receive one of a variety of exciting prizes, more notable for their imagination than monetary worth. The five categories and their prizes are as follows:

1. World's largest car pool: this category is for the car pool with the greatest number of regular riders. PRIZE: One-way ticket on a Trailways bus.
2. World's oldest car pool: this is for the longest continuous, shared ride, two or more. PRIZE: One five-year calendar per car pool.
3. World's smallest car pool car: front-to-back length of regularly-used car-pool vehicle) must be owned by one of car poolers or family member). PRIZE: One shoe horn per car pool.
4. World's longest car pool: greatest distance traveled by more than one rider) from first stop to last stop at Grumman destination. PRIZE: Choice of reading material for the trip: either Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* or the *Sunday New York Times*.
5. World's most congenial car poolers: list various charms of participants. PRIZE: Presentation of Miss or Mr. Grumman Car Pooler Award of 1975 (ribbon and bathing suit optional).

This contest is open only to Grumman Aerospace employees.

HERE'S HOW TO ENTER: Fill out your name, permanent number, department number, plant and extension on form below. Check category or categories for which you are applying. Include vital statistics. Send application form through interoffice mail, using Grumman mail envelope.

Car Pool Sweepstakes

Categories:

1. Largest: _____
2. Oldest: _____
3. Smallest: _____
4. Longest: _____
5. Most congenial: _____

Submitted by: _____

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Hobby Show '75. The many talents of Grumman people will be on display at the annual GAA Hobby Show in Plant 28 from October 16 to 19.

Begin accepting entries for Hobby Show, Oct. 13

For many years, Grummanites have been noted as being a very talented and gifted group of workers. Just by glancing at the past and present contributions to the field of aerospace—from the FF-1 to the Lunar Module ... to the F-14 air superiority fighter—there should be no doubt as to the depth and range of individual talent in the company.

And past years' Hobby Shows have shown that employees' avocations are just as noteworthy and diversified as their vocations. The annual GAA Hobby Show is an opportunity for Grumman employees and retirees to exhibit their off-hour endeavors.

This year's show will be held in Plant 28 on the following days: Thursday, Oct. 16, noon-1:30 p.m./4 to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 17, noon-1:30 p.m./4 to 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18-19, from noon to 4 p.m.

Entries will be accepted in the Plant 28 auditorium on Monday through Wednesday, October 13-14-15 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. If you work at Calverton, call Joe Tagliavia on Ext. 6559, or if you are a hobbyist from Great River, contact Charles Greco on Ext. 2349. Both will arrange to have your entry exhibited.

According to Chet Baumgartner of GAA, Grumman employees and retirees may enter two projects in a category, and a maximum of six for the entire exhibit. All entries must have been completed during the past twelve months and no entries from previous GAA Hobby Shows will be accepted. Hangers, forms, or items which will help in the display of the article should be supplied by the exhibitor.

Only one award may be won in the same category. The following categories are slated for inclusion in the 1975 Hobby Show:

Ceramics; Collection — coin; Collection — stamps; Collection — miscellaneous; Embroidery; General; Gunsmithing; Knitting; Leather Work; Metal Work; Model Planes — flying/scale; Model planes — flying/nonscale; Model Planes — nonflying/nonscale; Model Railroads; Needlepoint; Sewing; Ship Models — kits; Ship Models — scale; Ship Models — original design; Woodcarving; Woodwork.

For any further information, consult the GAA staff in Plant 30 on Ext. 2133 or LR5-2269.

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